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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jianhua FAN

Examiner: Gellner, J

Serial No: 09/578,437

Group Art Unit: 3643

Title: Self watering tray

Filed: May 25, 2000

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Continued Examination application of prior pending patent application Serial No: 09/578,437, filed on May 25, 2000, entitled SELF WATERING TRAY, by the inventor: Jianhua Fan.

Respectfully submitted

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			Gellner, J	3643

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

Box CPA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of prior pending patent application Serial No. 09/578,437, filed May 25, 2000, entitled SELF WATERING TRAY by the following inventor:

Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name	First Given Name	Second Given Name
	FAN	JIAN HUA	
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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. ☐ Enter the amendment previously filed on , but unentered, in the prior application.

2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above:



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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the attached:

- # Transmittal Sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate of Mailing
- # Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- # Request for Continued Prosecution Application
- # Amendment and Response to the Office action
- # A check in the amount of US \$385.00 to cover the Fee
- # A return postcard.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper to Account No.50-1687. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS -3	0		\$39	\$0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$385.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$385.00

- ☒ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) is already filed in the prior application.
- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) is attached.
3. ☒ Payment of fees:
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of \$385.00
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1687.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1687
5. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
6. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed
7. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to located at
8. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

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Amendment and Response

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A self watering tray for a plant pot, comprising:
 - a (plate) tray, the (plate) tray having side walls and a bottom wall, the (plate) tray holding fluid; and
 - at least one (support) post extending upwardly from the wall of the (plate) tray either side wall or bottom wall, or between the side and bottom wall for supporting a